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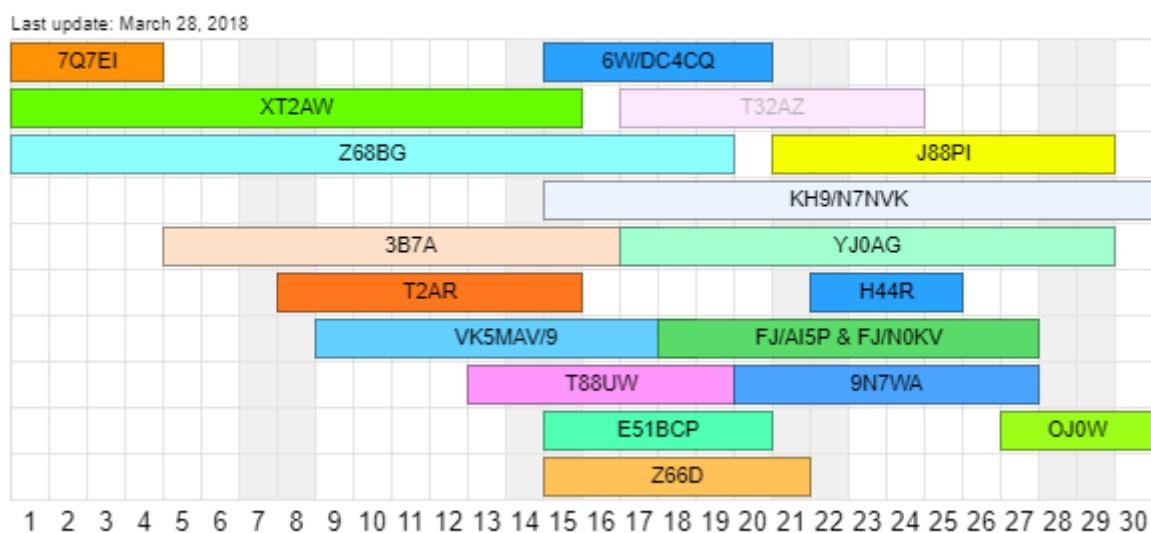
DX NEWS

VP6D, DUCIE ISL -update

Joining the team is Ken Karr NG2H. A CW enthusiast, Ken was most recently a member of the VK0EK Heard Island 2016 DX-pedition team. Ken was first licensed in 1955 and credits amateur radio for launching his interests in science, engineering and oceanography. Ken is retired from the US Navy; his assignments included commanding two nuclear fast attack submarines and serving as the senior member of the Navy's Atlantic Fleet Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination team. We are very happy to welcome Ken to the team. <https://dx-world.net/vp6d-ducie-island-2018/>

DXCC Timeline

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This week on HF

3B8, MAURITUS Mart, DL6UAA is operating as 3B8MM until April 11. QRV from 40 to 10 meter using CW, digital and some SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

5V, TOGO John, N9MDH is operating from Lomé as 5V1JE. Activity until May from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

7Q, MALAWI The EIDX Group is active as 7Q7EI until April 2. A team from 13 operators is operating from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY. Log will be uploaded on Club Log. QSL via M0OXO OQRS <http://www.7q7ei.com/>

9Y, TRINIDAD and TOBAGO Rich KE1B and Anna W6NN are operating in 'holiday-style' until March 31 as 9Y4/calls. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log.

BV, TAIWAN Bodo, DF8DX is QRV until March 30 as BW/call. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

CT9, MADEIRA Rosel DL3KWR and Hardy DL3KWF are active as CT9/calls until April 5. Activity using mostly CW with a focus on 12, 17, 30 and 60 meter. QSL via homecalls bureau preferred, LOTW.

D4, CAPE VERDE Mike, CT1IUA will be active as D4IA between April 1 and April 9. Activity on HF using mostly CW. QSL via home call.

FG, GUADELOUPE Pascal, F6ASS is active as TO5GI until April 6. Operation on HF. QSL via F5XX.

FK, NEW CALEDONIA Alex, 5B4ALX is active as FK/call from a small village near Noumea. Activity until April 4. Operation from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, JT65 and RTTY. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via IZ4AMS direct or bureau.

<http://www.5b4alx.cloud/>

FM, MARTINIQUE Gerard, F2VX is operating in 'holiday-style' as FM/call until April 18. QSL via home call.

H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard, DL2GAC is operating as H44MS until May 2. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is once again operating until May 10. Activity on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via F6AJA, direct or bureau. Logsearch on <http://LesNouvellesDX.fr/voirlogs.php>

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA Take, JG8NQJ is once again QRV as call/JD1 until April 11. Operation during his spare time on HF using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY.

JW, SVALBARD Erik, LA2US is operating as JW2US until somewhere in May. Operation on HF using CW and digital modes. QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS.

JW, SVALBARD Morten, LA4SJA is operating as JW4SJA from Bear Island. Activity on HF until June. QSL via home call.

KH9, WAKE ISL Philip, N7NVK will be on Wake Island starting April 2018. Philip says: 'I will be on Wake Island (Atoll) for a rotation of 3 months on and 1 month off starting in April 2018. As of now I have not established what day or time I will be on the air (we are +12 UTC). Once I determine availability I will post it here. I will be using an Elecraft KX3 into either a G5RV or a Buddipole, power output will be QRP for now. I will be working split and please have patience with me as I have not been on the receiving side of a pile-up. I do use LoTW but can only upload when internet is available..which is limited.'

OA, PERU Daniel, IK2SGL is now located in the Amazon Rainforest and is active as call/OA9. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and a homebrew mono-band for HF. Daniel moved to the Peruvian Selva (isolated rainforest) with his wife as they are international volunteers in a worldwide education program and contact & help the indigenous people of the region: the Shipibo-Conibo people. Daniel writes: "There is nothing better than to help others and use our own energies and resources to give hope to people."

The area "9" of Peru is rare. There appears to be no other OA9 stations active. Look for Daniel on 20m around 22:00utc. QSL via LoTW and eQSL.

OD, LEBANON Once again, Adrian EA1CYK is operating as OD5/call until May. Operation during his spare time but mainly during the weekends. QSL via EA7LS.

V3, BELIZE Paul, VE3AXT is again active as V31AX until April 4 from Consejo Shores, Corozal. QSL via M0URX.

XT, BURKINA FASO Harald, DF2WO is once again active as XT2AW until April 15. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via M0OXO.

XT, BURKINA FASO Max, DK1MAX is operating in 'holiday-style' as XT2MAX. QRV until April 2. Operation on all bands, all modes. QSL via LoTW.

XV, VIETNAM Chuck, W0DLE is active from Ho Chi Minh as 3W9DLE until end April. QRV on HF using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct.

XW, LAOS Champ, E21EIC is QRV as XW1IC until April 31. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW or via home call.

XZ, MYANMAR Simon, HS0ZIB is now active as XZ2A using a temporary antenna at his current QTH. In a few weeks he will move to a better QTH in Naypytaw.

Z6, KOSOVO Gab, HB9TSW is operating until April 19 as Z36BG. Operation during his spare time and especially his evenings and Sunday. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using CW. QSL via home call, direct and LoTW.

Coming up soon

3B7, AGALEGA and ST BRANDON Seb, F5UFX and his team from previous DXpeditions as FT4TA and FT4JA will be operating as 3B7A from April 5 until April 17. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with 5 stations. QSL via F5CWU, direct or bureau, Club Log OQRS.

See <http://www.saintbrandondx.com/>

PJ5, ST EUSTATIUS Rick, AI5P will be active as PJ5/call between April 9 and April 16. QSL via home call.

T2, TUVALU Once again, Tony 3D2AG will be operating from Funafuti as T2AR between April 8 and April 15. Activity on HF and top band using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

On the scene

7Q7EI Malawi



7Q7EI now on the air



IOTA

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This week on HF

ASIA

AS-126 Lipe Isl A large team with HS8JCV, HS9HK, HS8GKR, HS9JZT, HS9STL, E23CAL and HS3NBR is operating as HS8JCV/P until April 2. Operation on HF. QSL via HS8JCV. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

AS-153 Ganga Sagar Mela Look for AU2WBR that is periodically QRV until March 31. QSL via VU2NRO. Sagar Island is an island in the Ganges Delta, lying on the continental shelf of Bay of Bengal about 100 km South of Kolkata, West Bengal, India. The island is 224 sqkm area. This island, also known as Gangasagar or Sagardwip, is a place of Hindu pilgrimage. Every year on the day of Makar Sankranti (14 January), hundreds of thousands of Hindus gather to take a holy dip at the confluence of river Ganges and Bay of Bengal and offer prayers (puja) in the Kapil Muni Temple.

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EUROPE

EU-170 Pag Isl Sergio, IZ3NXC will be active as 9A8NXC from March 30 until April 2. Operation on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter using SSB and digital. QSL via IK3GES, Club Log OQRS. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

NORTH AMERICA

NA-038 Havre Aubert Isl VA7XW/VE2 April 2-9 <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

NA-084 Harrington Isl VE7ACN/VE2 April 10-17 <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

Mike, VE7ACN is operating from these Islands. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.
<http://www.ve7acn.com>

NA-008 Ellesmere Isl VE1RUS and VE3KTB are active from Eureka as VY0ERC until April 1. Most favourable bands are 40 and 20 meter using SSB, digital and very slow CW. QRV when time permits. QSL via M0OXO OQRS. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

NA-198 Bell Isl Look for VD1BOOM every Saturday and Sunday of April on 20 meter. The call refers to the mysterious explosive phenomenon known as the Bell island Boom. QSL via VO1IDX direct, LoTW and logsearch on Club Log. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

Coming up soon

OCEANIA

OC-265 Cato Reef Andy, VK5MAV will be active as VK5MAV/9 from April 9 until April 18. Any support will be much appreciated. Apparently this group of rare Australian islands is in a process of management plan change, which will include more strict control of access. <https://www.qrz.com/db/VK5MAV/9>

<http://vk5mav.wixsite.com/dxpedition/single-post/2018/02/23/No-more-troubles-I-hope>
<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-071 Ilha das Couves Look for PR2CI on April 6-8. Activity from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via PY2AE, Club Log OQRS, LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

9N, NEPAL Sergei, R4WAA will be operating as 9N7WA from April 20 until April 27. Operation on HF using CW and digital. QSL via home call.

E5, SOUTH COOK Jim, KM7R will be operating as E51KMR in May 2018. Activity from the QTH of E51JD. QSL via home call.

FJ, ST BARTHELEMEY Look for AI5P, N0KV, W0ZA and WD0E as FJ/N0KV and FJ/AI5P between April 19 and April 27. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with satellite operation by WD0E. QSL via homecalls, direct or bureau.

J8, GRENADINES Brian, GW4DVB will again be casually operating as J88PI from Palm Island. Activity between April 21 and April 29. Operation from 40 to 6 meter using mainly SSB. QSL via home call.

JW, SVALBARD A team with LA7XL/JW7XK, LA9DL/JW9DL and LA6VM/JW6VM will be operating from October 10 until October 15. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and digital. QSL for all calls via LA7XK, LoTW.

OJO, MARKET REEF Pasi, OH3WS will be QRV as OJ0W between April 27 and May 4. Operation during his spare time using mostly CW. QSL via home call.

PJ2, CURACAO Mason, KM4SII will be operating DURING July 19-24. He is part of a 3 youth operator team: Youth DX Adventure and will operate as PJ2/call. Activity on all bands and all modes with a focus on digi on AS/VK and ZL. QSL via LoTW.

PJ6, SABA Rick, AI5P will be active as PJ6/call from April 28 until May 5. QSL via home call.

S9, SAO TOME David, EB7DX will be operating in 'holiday-style' between June 1 and June 9. Callsign is pending. Activity from 40 to 6 meter using mostly SSB, RTTY, FT8 and some CW. QSL via home call.

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI Following their DXpedition in 2016, the Rebel DX Group will be active again as T31T from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043).

<http://www.rebeldxgroup.com/> Their journey will start around May 10 from Samoa. Plans are to have three stations for CW and SSB, plus two stations operating FT8 around the clock. There is still room for five operators. Contact dom@rebeldxgroup.com for information.

VK9C, COCOS KEELING VK9CH November 6 10

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL VK9XQ November 3-6, November 10-17

Michael, DF8AN will be QRV from 160 to 6 meter using mainly CW, RTTY and other digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

VP2V, BRITISH VIRGIN ISL David, N9DK will be QRV as VP2V/call from July 7 until July 14. Activity from 80 to 2 meter using all modes. QSL via home call.

VP5, TURKS AND CAICOS Look for VE3IKV and VE3MMQ as VQ5Z from July 1 until July 7. Activity on HF and 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via VE3IKV direct.

THE REMINDERS

6W, SENEGAL Franz, DC4CQ will be operating as 6W/call between April 14 and April 28. Activity from 40 to 15 meter using SSB. QSL via home call.

A5, BHUTAN Mio JR3MVF and Kay WA0WOF will be QRV as A52YL from April 29 until May 5. Activity from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via WA0WOF.

A5, BHUTAN Joe JH3AEF and Jusei JA3IVU will be QRV from the Dochula Eco Resort as A52AEF and A52IVU. Operation from April 29 until May 6 from 80 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE A Belgian team with Kurt ON8KW as team leader will be active between May 2 and May 15 as C8T. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and RTTY with 4 stations. A 5th station will operate 2m EME, 60m and extra digimodes on all bands. QSL via ON1DX, Club Log OQRS. <https://mozambique2018.wordpress.com/>

CY9, ST PAUL ISL Once again, CY9C will be active with WA4DAN, N0TG, K4ZLE, AA4NC, N8AA, VA3QR, WW2DX, W2RE, N2IEN and N5TG. QRV between August 1 and August 9. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB, RTTY, EME, SAT and maybe FT8. QSL via WA4DAN, LoTW, bureau and Club Log. <http://cy9c.com/index.html>

D4, CAPE VERDE Harald, DF2WO will again be operating in 'holiday-style' as D44TWO during May. Operation from 40 to 10 meter. QSL via M0OXO.

E5, SOUTH COOK Bruce, AD7MM will once again be QRV from Rarotonga as E51BAS between May 13 and May 25. Operation in 'holiday-style'. QSL via home call, LoTW.

E5, SOUTH COOK Oleh, UR5BVP will be QRV from Rarotonga as E51BCP between April 15 and April 20. QRV on HF including SOTA activities. QSL via KD7WPJ.

FP, ST PIERRE & MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call between July 3 and July 17. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call, LoTW.

FR, REUNION ISL Alain, F1FJR will be active as FR/call between May 5 and May 15. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

H4, SOLOMON ISL Haru, JA1XGI will be operating sometime in June or July from Honiara. Operation as H44XG on 40, 30, 20, 15 and 10 meter using mainly CW with some FT8. QSL via home call.

HH, HAITI A team with EA1ACP, EA1DVY, EA7FTR, EB7DX, HH2JR and HH2MK will be QRV as 4V7R from October 19 until October 29. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via EB7DX. <http://lazydchers.com/4v7r/index.html>

J3, GRENADA Nobby, G0VJG will be active as J3/call from June 13 until June 27. Focus on 6 meter SSB and HF bands. QSL via G4DFI.

JD1, OGASAWARA Makoto, JI5RPT will once again be operating as JD1BLY from May 2 until May 4. Activity from 30 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call. <http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/>

JW, SVALBARD Torsten DL4APJ and Peter DJ2AX will be operating as JW/calls between September 20 and September 25. Operation on HF. QSL via home call.

JW, SVALBARD Karl, LA8DW will once again be QRV as JW8DW during May 26-29. Operation on HF using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

KH1, BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS The Dateline DX association (most recently K4M team) is announcing a DXpedition to Baker with Don N1DG, Tom N4XP, Kevin K6TD and others. Plans are to be active as KH1/KH7Z during June 2018 for about 10 days from 160 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and digital. This will be the first DXpedition to this Most Wanted DXCC Entity since and the FWS ruling that allowed this trip prevents another DXpedition for ten years. The team will contribute 50% of the expected budget of USD 400,000. QSL via OQRS Club Log is preferred, direct goes to K4TSJ and LoTW.

<http://www.baker2018.net/index.html>

KH8, AMERICAN SAMOA Uli, DL2AH will be active from Ofu Island (OC-077) as WH8/call. Operation from October 2 until October 29 in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 meter using SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

OJ0, MARKET REEF Col MM0NDX, Emil DL8JJ and Paul G4PVM will be QRV as OJ0Y (pending) during June 27-29. Operation from 80 to 6 meter. Possible a short activity before and after from Aland Islands as OH0/calls. QSL via M0SDV.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA from November 17 until December 8. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI Ken, KH6QJ will be operating as T32AZ from Crystal Lodge, Kiritimati from April 17 until April 24. QRV on 40, 20 and 15 meter using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.

T32, EAST KIRIBATI Uli, DL2AH will be operating as T32AH from September 12 until October 1. QRV from 80 to 10 meter using SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via home call.

T8, PALAU Ichy, JH7IPR will once again be operating as T88UW from April 13 until April 19. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home call, bureau or direct, LoTW. Logsearch on Club Log.

V3, BELIZE Jose, EC5AC will be active from Maya Hill as V31FT. Activity between October 29 and November 8 with a focus on FT8. QSL via home call.

VK9L, LORD HOWE ISL Look an Australian team with Chris VK3QB, Brenton VK3YB and Luke VK3HJ as VK9LI. Operation is planned between May 11 and May 18. Activity from 160 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://www.facebook.com/VK9LI-Lord-Howe-Island-188704095218234/>

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISL The UK's 6-Gs DXpedition Team will be operating from Christmas between October 16 and October 30. More to follow.

VP2E, ANGUILLA Art WA7NB and Gary K2UU will be active as VP2EAB and VP2EGW from November 18 until November 26. Operation from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via homecalls.

VP6, DUCIE ISL The Perseverance DX Group announced their next DXpedition to Ducie Island (OC-182), Club Log's n°27 most wanted DXCC. A team of operators with UT6UD, DJ9RR, HA0NAR, HA5AO, K3EL, K5GS, N6HC, N6HD, N6WM, N6XG, PY2PT, W1SRD, W2LK, W6AO and ZL3CW will be active as VP6D with seven stations from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes including FT8. Activity is scheduled between October 20 and November 3. <http://vp6d.com/>

YJ, VANUATU Grant, VK5GR will be active in 'holiday-style' as YJ0AG between April 17 and April 29. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using digital modes with some CW and SSB. QSL via M0OXO OQRS.

YJ, VANUATU Geoff, ZL3GA will once again be active as YJ0GA from July 18 until July 25. Operation from 80 to 10 meter. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

Z6, KOSOVO Petr OK1BOA, Palo OK1CRM, David OK6DJ, Petr OK1FCJ, Pavel OK1GK, Ruda OK2ZA, Karel OK2ZI and Ludek OK2ZC will be active from Kosovo as Z66D between April 15 and April 21. Limited activity / building up on April 15 & 16th, full operation planned from 17th to 21st, limited/dismantling on 22nd. Operation using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via OK6DJ. <https://www.qrz.com/db/Z66D>

Z6, KOSOVO Emir 9A6AA and Robert 9A5RB will be operating from Peja as Z68AA and Z68RB. Operation between May 14 and May 21 on HF. QSL via homecalls.

ZF, CAYMAN ISL Pete, K8PGJ will once again be QRV from Grand Cayman as ZF2PG between January 12 and January 20, 2019. Operation on HF. QSL via home call, LoTW.

Announced IOTA

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THE NEWCOMERS

ASIA

OC-128 Palawan Isl Bodo, DF8DX will be active as DU1WQY/1 between April 15 and April 18. QSL via home call, Club Log OQRS and LoTW. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

OCEANIA

OC-022 Bali Yosuke, JJ1DQR will be operating as YB9/call from May 18 until May 22. QRV on HF using SSB. QSL via home call. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

THE REMINDERS

AFRICA

AF-066 Inhaca Isl May 5 – May 9 <https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af066>

AF-088 Mozambique Isl April 29 – May 3

<https://www.rsgbiota.org/info/search.php?q=af088>

Vasily, R7AL, Vasily RA1ZZ, AI RZ3K and Vlad RK8A will be operating as C96RCC and C98RCC between April 29 and May 9. Activity from 40 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via R7AL, Club Log OQRS.

<https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/mozambique>

ASIA

AS-023 Amami O Isl Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as call/6 from May 6 (08:00UTC) to May 7 (21:00UTC). Operation from 40 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

AS-200 Naka Isl Kenji, JA4GXS will be active as call/5 during April 22-23. Activity from 40 to 17 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

AS-201 Buyukada Isl The DX-World team with Col MM0NDX, Max IK8LOV and Bjorn ON9CFG will be QRV as TA0/calls from May 7 until May 11. Activity from 80 to 2 meter in holiday-style. QSL via M0SDV. <http://www.m0sdv.com/>
<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EUROPE

EU-064 Yeu Isl Members of Charente DX Group will be active as TM3Y from April 14 until April 20. Operators are Franck F4GBD, Eric F5LOW, Laurent F5MNK, Fabrice F5NBQ, Bertrand F6HKA and Leon ON4ZD. QRV on various HF bands. QSL via ON4ZD, OQRS Club Log. <http://www.charentedxgroupe.fr>

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EU-090 Palagruza Isl Members of the Radio Club Croatian Flora Fauna will be active as 9A90P between June 16 and June 23. Activity from 160 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and

digital modes. QSL via 9A2MF. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

EU-094 Les Glenan Look for a Belgian team with ON8AZ, ON4KZ, ON5HC and ON7PQ as TM8U. Activity between May 6 and May 12 on all bands and all modes. QSL via ON8AZ. <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

EU-120 Isle of Wight A Belgian team with ON3DMR, ON4AFW, ON4AWT, ON4JW, ON6EF, ON6VJ and ON8WR will be operating as GB9OSA from May 8 until May 13. Operation from 160 to 6 meter using mainly SSB and digital. QSL via ON6EF, direct or bureau. <https://hamradioexpedition.com/> <https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.html>

OCEANIA

OC-105 Cagayan De Sulu

OC-174 Tawi Tawi

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Dindu, DU1UD will be QRV as call/8 during the first or second quarter of 2018. OC-105 is the most wanted IOTA in the Philippines. He will also try to activate OC-174 during the same period. Length of stay depends on local conditions and safety. Operation as DX8MAP from OC-105 and as DX8TT from OC-174. QSL via M0OXO.

OC-140 Direction Island June 8-12

OC-170 Woody Island June 20-22

OC-193 Cheyne Island June 16-19

OC-199 East Lewis Island June 5-7

Craig, VK5CE will be QRV as VK6CE/6 from 3 IOTA groups in Western Australia during June. Operation from Woody for 2-3 days, from Lewis for 3-4 days and from Direction for 3-4 days. Details on <https://vkiota.wordpress.com/vk5ce-6/>

<https://www.iota-world.org/iota-directory/annex-f-short-title-iota-reference-number-list.htm>

OC-158 Florida Isl

OC-168 Mbanika Isl H44R April 22-25

OC-179 Taumako Isl H40D April 29 – May 3

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Cezar VE3LYC and Bernhard DL2GAC are planning to operate from these islands. They will operate CW and SSB on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres with two stations. QSL via VE3LYC direct, OQRS Club Log.

Please consider supporting this ambitious and very expensive project if you haven't already done so. Visit the expedition website at <http://oc-179.weebly.com> for more information, future updates, and support

"There is a small possibility that following the OC-168 operation I may attempt to operate from Nggela Sule (Florida Islands, OC-158) on 26 and 27 April", Cezar says.

"However, under no circumstance I will rush to end the OC-168 operation in order to squeeze in some activity from OC-158"

Antarctic base stations

Bellinghausen station Alex is QRV as RI1ANO until end March. Operation during his spare time on all bands using CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via RN1ON, direct or bureau, OQRS Club Log. Also he will be active as RI50ANO until March 31, 2018. This to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Bellinghausen Station. A special diploma is planned.

Neumayer Station III Matthias, DH5CW is QRV as DP0GVN until mid-February 2019. Operation on HF during his spare time. QSL via DL5EBE.

Novolazarevskaya Station Nikolai, RW6ACM is active as RI1ANL until March 2019. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital modes.

Special calls

THE NECWOMERS

F, FRANCE TM93WARD is the special call to celebrate the 93rd World Amateur Radio Day. QRV from April 14 until April 22. QSL via bureau.

GI, NORTHERN IRELAND Look for **GB106TBC** to commemorate the sinking of the Titanic. QRV from April 2 until April 29. QSL via MI0MOD, direct only.

HB9, SWITZERLAND Members of the Tera Radio Club will operate as **HB9GOLD** to mark a restored gold mine in Sessa. Operation during April. An award will be available. QSL via HB9OCR, direct or bureau, LoTW.

I, ITALY Ninety years ago the airship "Italia" crashed on the ice on its way back from the North Pole, and a small tent dyed red for maximum visibility was the only shelter for the survivors. Commemorating the role of radio (and amateur radio) in rescuing the Red Tent survivors, ARI Vigevano is active as **IB2RT** until October 20. QSL via I2MYF.

JA, JAPAN 8J20GAKI celebrates the 100th anniversary of Ogaki City until February 28, 2019. QSL will be sent automatically via bureau, direct goes to JJ2ONH.

ON, BELGIUM The Belgian IARU society UBA celebrates its 70th birthday. To celebrate the event, 59 special event stations will be active during the month of May 2018.

These callsigns will be: **OT70ACC, OT70ALT, OT70ARA, OT70AST, OT70ATH, OT70ATO, OT70BDX, OT70BFA, OT70BSE, OT70BTS, OT70BXE, OT70CRD, OT70CLR, OT70CPN, OT70DIG, OT70DST, OT70EKO, OT70ERA, OT70GBN, OT70GDV, OT70GNT, OT70GTM, OT70HCC, OT70HRT, OT70KTK, OT70LGE, OT70LIR, OT70LLV, OT70LUS, OT70LVN, OT70MCL, OT70MLB, OT70NBT, OT70NLB, OT70NNV, OT70NOL, OT70ODE, OT70ONZ, OT70ORA, OT70OSA, OT70OSB, OT70OST, OT70PHI, OT70RAM, OT70RAT, OT70RCA, OT70RSX, OT70SNW, OT70THN, OT70TLS, OT70TRA, OT70TWS, OT70UBA, OT70WLD, OT70WRA, OT70WRC, OT70WTO, OT70YLC and OT70ZTM**. The suffix of these callsigns represent the local UBA club divisions, i.e. OT70BXE stands for Brussels East. QSL will be available via OQRS on Clublog. A commemorative award is available in three classes.

VE, CANADA VD105A until April 25 to mark the first flight of CF-105A 60 years ago. Operation from 80 to 10 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via VO1NAR, Club Log.

ZL, NEW ZEALAND ZM50GW is commemorating the loss of the ferry TEV Wahine as ZM50GW. Operation during April. QSL will be sent automatically via bureau, logs on Club Log.

THE REMINDERS

RST special event

Until end of May members of the North Country DX Association (NCDXA) will be active for the third time from locations in Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Greenland with the calls **KL7RST, VY1RST, VE8RST, VY0RST, and OX7RST**. QSL via K7ICE (d).

4K, AZERBAIJAN Look for **4K100W** by Vlad 4K9W until end 2018. This to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via DL6KVA.

4X, ISRAEL Radio amateurs from Israel are going to celebrate the founding of the state from April 19 onwards for 70 days with the calls **4X70I, 4X70S, 4X70R, 4X70A, 4X70E** and **4X70L**. A special award "Israel 70" will be available, with the callsign **4Z70IARC** counting as a Joker per the award rules. The stations will also be active in the Holyland Contest (April 19/20). QSL via LoTW.

5W, SAMOA Atsu, 5W1SA will be operating as **5W20SAMOA**, this to celebrate 20 years activity of 5W1SA, who already logged more than 100k QSO. QRV during 2018.

<http://df0che.darc.de/dm200lfs.php>

DL, GERMANY Look for **DJ70WAE** (special DOK 70WAE) throughout 2018, this to mark the 70th anniversary of the Worked All Europe Award. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY **DK200MARX** (special DOK 200KM) celebrates Karl Marx's 200th anniversary during 2018. QRV on all bands and all modes. QSL via DK5PZ direct, Club Log OQRS.

DL, GERMANY **DA200FWR** (special DOK FWR200) draws attention to the 200th birthday of Friedrich Wilhelm Raiffeisen, a German pioneer of forms of cooperative economy in the 19th century. His ideas and works were recognised by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2016. QSL via bureau or via DK2PU direct.

DL, GERMANY The DARC club of Paderborn celebrates its 70th anniversary during 2018 as **DL70PADER**. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Railway radio operators from Paderborn are celebrating their club's 50th anniversary as **DB50EFAPB** during 2018. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Members of the ARC Hassberge are celebrating the 1000th anniversary of the town Zeil am Main. Operation as **DF1000ZEIL** during 2018. QSL via bureau.

DL, GERMANY Radio amateurs in Wismar are celebrating 90 years of ham radio in Mecklenburg-West Pomerania with the call **DM90AIW** (special DOK EK4ABK). QRV until June 30. Their historical source is a QSL card of EK4ABK dating from Jan. 9 in 1928. QSL via bureau, Club Log.

DL, GERMANY Special call **DM900ZWI** celebrates the 900th anniversary of the city of Zwickau. QRV during 2018. QSL via DM5JBN.

DL, GERMANY The ARC of Pfronten Fuesen (DOK T11), is celebrating its 60th anniversary with the call **DL60TELF**. Activity until April 30. QSL via bureau, LoTW. QSL via Club Log OQRS or via EI6AL direct.

EI, IRELAND To commemorate the sinking of Royal Mail Ship Leinster during World War I (10 October 1918), special call **EI100MCV** is activated until end 2018, with particular activity in the weeks around the date of 10 October. This was, and still is, the single largest loss of life in the Irish sea with a total of 567 people lost. The intention is to use all modes and bands, operating on or close to frequencies ending with 18. QSL via the bureau.

EI, IRELAND Look for **EI50AOM** during the next months to commemorate the Tuskar Rock Air Tragedy of 1968. QSL via EI2KA.

ES, ESTONIA Special stations **ES100A, ES100C, ES100F, ES100G, ES100J, ES100L, ES100M, ES100O, ES100P, ES100Q, ES100R, ES100S, ES100U, ES100X** and **ES100Z** are active until end March to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Republic of Estonia. See <http://es100.eu> for complete information on the awards. QSL via LoTW, paper QSL will be sent via the bureau, and should be requested on the website before 31 May.

F, FRANCE **TM390SR** is celebrating the 390th anniversary of the siege de La Rochelle. Activity until June 16. Activated by Franck F4DTO and Patrick F4GFE. QSL via F4DTO, direct or bureau.

G, ENGLAND The Radio Amateur Old Timer's Association is celebrating it's 60th anniversary as GB60OT. Operation until April 27. QSL via bureau or via G3KPU direct. <http://www.raota.org/>

G, ENGLAND The Welland Valley ARS will host a number of special calls in 2018 to mark the end of World War I and in remembrance of the millions who were killed or wounded.

12 calls will be activated during entire 2018:

GB2GW March

GB2FWW April

GB4GW May

GB4FWW June

GB5GW July

GB5FWW August

GB6GW September

GB6FWW October

GB8GW November

GB0AD November 10-11 (Armistice Day)

See <http://www.arz.com/db/GB1GW> for QSL instructions and awards.

HA, HUNGARY Members of the FMV ARC are operating with the special call **HA60FMV**, this to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the club. QRV until June 30.

QLS via bureau. For an award see <http://ha60fmv.com/>

HH, HAITI Several Haitian radio hams will use the call **HH70A** for 6 months until July 2018. This to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Radio Club D'Haiti. QSL via W3HKN.

I, ITALY Look for **II2RR** until end 2018 to mark the 70th anniversary of the first issue of RadioRivista, Associazione Radioamatori Italiani's monthly journal. QSL via IK2VUC.

I, ITALY Ninety years ago the airship "Italia" crashed on the ice on its way back from the North Pole, and a small tent dyed red for maximum visibility was the only shelter for the survivors. Commemorating the role of radio (and amateur radio) in rescuing the Red Tent survivors, special call **II1ITR** will be active from May 25 to June 25. QSL via IZ1ETD, direct or bureau

I, ITALY The United Nations Global Service Center ARC (4U1GSC) in Brindisi is active as **4U13FEB** until March 31 to promote and celebrate World Radio Day (13 February). QSL via 9A2AA.

I, ITALY Look for **II0GM** by Giovanni I0KQB, this to commemorate G. Marconi. Activity during 2018. QSL via I0KQB, direct only.

I, ITALY ARI Fidenza will use a number of special calls during 2018 to honour 12 of 'the most eminent scientists who have given a fundamental contribution to the theoretical, experimental and technological development of the Radio Communications technology'

II4CAO (Temistocle Calzecchi Onesti) during March

II4MAR (Guglielmo Marconi) during April

II4TES (Nikola Tesla) during May

II4AMP (Andre-Marie Ampere) during June

II4COU (Charles-Augustin de Coulomb) during July

II4VOL (Alessandro Volta) during August

II4LNZ (Heinrich Lenz) during September

II4OER (Hans Christian Orsted) during October

II4HNR (Joseph Henry) during November

II4FRD (Michael Faraday) during December

QLS for all calls via IQ4FE, bureau or direct. For more information see

<http://www.arifidenza.it/>

IS0, SARDINIA Simone, IS0AFM is using the special call **IR0FOC** to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the First Class CW Operators' Club. Operation until end 2018. QSL via IS0AFM, direct or LoTW.

JA, JAPAN 8N1TKB is the special call to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Tsukuba City. QRV until end March. QSL goes automatically via bureau.

JA, JAPAN The Tokyo Bay Ham Club is celebrating their 40th anniversary with the special call **8J1ZIU**. Activity until end May. QSL goes automatically via bureau.

JA, JAPAN 8N040ON is celebrating the founding of the city Nagaoka 400 years ago. Operation during 2018. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN 8J7HCB marks the 100th Hirosaki Cherry Blossom Festival. Operation until May 31. QSL via bureau or via JK7LXU direct.

JA, JAPAN 8J4B is celebrating the construction of the Seto Ohashi Bridge 30 years ago. Operation until November 30. QSL via bureau.

JA, JAPAN Look for **8J3B** to mark the 100th anniversary of the 'Lake Biwa Rowing Song' until June 26. QSL will be sent automatically via the bureau. Direct QSL goes via JK3IJQ.

JA, JAPAN The Katayanagi Institute of the University of Tokyo celebrates its 70th anniversary on the air with the call **8J1YAC** until end March. Activity from 160 meter to 70cm using CW and SSB. QSL via bureau or via JE1XUZ direct.

JA, JAPAN Look for **8N3H70Y** to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Hirakata City. Operation until March 31. QSL via bureau.

LA, NORWAY Look for **LM90C**, **LM90HQ** and **LM90NRRL** throughout 2018 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Norsk Radio Relae Liga, the Norwegian IARU Society. QSL via bureau.

LU, ARGENTINA **L50A** is the special call to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Radio Club QRM Belgrano (LU4AAO). Operation until end May on various bands and modes, FT8 included. QSL via bureau or direct. <http://lu4aa.org/L50A.htm/>

LZ, BULGARIA Once again, Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) is using 12 calls during 2018 to honour as many different Bulgarian saints:

LZ40MS March

LZ362ME April

LZ11110SAE May

LZ430PPW June

LZ380PM July

LZ1146SPS August

LZ920MLC September

LZ1545POA October

LZ33MM November

LZ532PSO December

All details for award and QSL via <http://www.lz1kcp.com/>

LZ, BULGARIA Look for **LZ140LO** to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Bulgarian Independence until end March. An award is available. QSL via LZ1ZF.

LZ, BULGARIA Members of the Thracian Rose Club are drawing attention to the 115th Rose Festival as **LZ115RF**. Operation until end July. QSL via LZ1YE.

OE, AUSTRIA Austrian amateurs may use the prefix **OE100** until November 13. This to mark the 100th anniversary of the Austrian Republic.

OH, FINLAND **OG60F** is the special call to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the radio club from Pori. Activity during 2018. For more info see

<http://teljanradioamatoorit.dy.fi/?OG60F>

OZ, DENMARK Special event stations **OZ18ICE** and **5P8ICE** will be active on all bands and modes for the Ice Hockey World Championship to be held in Denmark from May 1 until May 23. See qrz.com for information about the awards issued for working these stations. QSL via Club Log OQRS and LoTW.

PA, THE NETHERLANDS The 11 Cities Marathon will be held during entire 2018 to celebrate the city of Leeuwarden, European Capital of Culture for 2018. Look for

PF2018YLS (Ijlst) March

PF2018SLO (Sloten) April

PF2018BOL (Bolsward) May

PF2018HIN (Hindeloopen) June

PF2018FRA (Franeker) July

PF2018HAR (Harlingen) August

PF2018DOK (Dokkum) September

PF2018WOR (Workum) October

PF2018STA (Stavoren) November

All cities during December

QSL via LoTW, Club Log OQRS or via PA0MBD. A number of awards will be available.

<http://hamecc2018.eu/>

SP, POLAND Look for **HF700LUB** to celebrate the 700th anniversary of the city Lublin. QRV until August. QSL via SP8AB.

VR, HONG KONG Commemorating the 20th anniversary of Hong Kong's reunification with China, Hong Kong licensed radio amateurs are allowed to use the special prefix **VR20** on a voluntary basis until June.

VK, AUSTRALIA The Gold Coast ARS is active as **VI4GAMES** until end May. This to celebrate the XXI Commonwealth Games, held in Gold Coast City on April 4-15.

VU, INDIA Members of the West Bengal Radio Club (VU2MQT) will be active as **AU2WBR** from Ganga Sagar Mela/Sagar Island (AS-153) until March 31. Hundreds of thousands of Hindus will be meeting for a ritual bath on the 14th of January at the confluence of the river Ganges and the Bay of Bengal. QSL via VU2NRO.